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(ii) to state (*a*) what the principle is on which nominations have been made in regard to such minor communities, (*b*) how many persons and who have been nominated in the abovementioned districts during the last four years from castes and communities who had been represented in district boards and municipalities by more than one elected member and on what grounds?

A.—(i) A statement giving the particulars required in regard to District Boards is laid on the table. [a] Government have no information in regard to taluk boards as the appointments thereto are made by the Presidents of District Boards concerned.

(ii) (*a*) & (*b*) It is impossible to lay down any other principles than those contained in section 9 (5) of the Madras Local Boards Act. The detailed information required by the Hon'ble Member is not readily available.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether there is any Adi-Dravida member on the district board of Coimbatore ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I do not find it in the appendix given here."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Perhaps there has been some mistake. But I know there is an Adi-Dravida member."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know how many elected Muhammadan Members there are on the Coimbatore District Board ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether there is not a provision in the District Boards Act that only those communities who are not represented should be given nomination ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think there is any specific rule."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I do not want the exact number of Muhammadan elected members on the board. I want to know whether there is any Muhammadan elected member ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I believe there is."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" If there are elected members from that community, there was no reason to nominate from among them."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Endowments in the Presidency vested in the Board of Revenue.

* 117 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of this House a statement showing all the endowments in this Presidency vested in the Board of Revenue under Madras Endowments and Escheats Regulation VII of 1817 with full information in regard to them on the following points :—

(i) Name of district, taluk and village,

(ii) Name of the original grantor,

a Printed as Appendix V on page 335 infra.

(iii) Date of endowment,

(iv) Nature of the deed executed,

(v) Particulars of the endowment,

(vi) Average annual income,

(vii) Purpose for which endowment was by the original grantor's wish to be applied,

(viii) Purpose for which they are now being applied,

(ix) Nature of supervision now exercised by the Board of Revenue; and

(b) if any of the endowments had been transferred to local bodies under section 63 of the Local Boards Act, the name of such local boards or bodies and the nature of supervision and control exercised over them by the Board of Revenue or Government?

A.—Government are not in possession of the information asked for and do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by the compilation of such a statement which cannot be done without an undue expenditure of time and labour.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"With reference to the answer given to this question that the Government are not in possession of the information asked for, may I know whether they will be pleasad to call for the information at least as regards one district, namely, Tanjore?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"As I have already said, it would involve time and undue labour."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"Since the property included in the purview of this question involves crores of rupees and very large interests are involved in this, may I ask the hon. Minister to call for the information?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"I do not understand what the hon. Member is referring to."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"I am referring to the chatram funds in the Tanjore district. There is public feeling that these chatram funds are being mismanaged and, with a view to respect that feeling, may I ask the hon. Minister to call for the information?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"There is no reference to the chatram funds in the question before us."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"The question relates to endowments and the chatram funds come under endowments?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"But there is no question about the Chatram funds."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"Does the hon. Minister say that the funds referred to by my hon. Friend Mr. Adinarayana Chettiyar do not come under this question?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"As far as it refers to a particular class of endowment, I want notice of the question."